

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Christopher Lee Berg et al.

Appln. No.:

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For

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

REPLACING KNEE-JOINT

Docket No.:

M81.12-0060

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: A. Ramana

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING SENT BY U.S. MAIL, FIRST CLASS, TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, THIS

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PATENZATTORNEY

Sir:

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed March 1, 2006, finally rejecting claims 9-19.

FEE STATUS

[X] Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is established by a verified statement previously filed.

FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

[] other than a small entity

\$500.00

[X] small entity

\$250.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

These proceedings are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-

250.00 DD

(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than Fee for small entity	small entity	
[] one month	\$ 120.00		\$ 60.00
[] two months	\$ 450.00		\$225.00
[] three months	\$1,020.00		\$510.00
[] four months	\$1,590.00		\$795.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[] An extension for --- has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$--- is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$---

or

(b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE DUE

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal fee \$250.00

Extension fee (if any) \$

Total Fee Due \$250.00

FEE PAYMENT

- [X] Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$250.00 is attached.
- [] Charge Deposit Account No. 23-1123, the sum of \$_.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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